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**NEW ADVERTISEMENTS**  
**BEKANNI-MACHUNG.**

**HANDELSREGISTER-CANTON.**

**DER KAUFMANN WALTER**  
VOEGELSGANG von der Firma  
LUGGINS, EINSTAMM & Co. ertheilt  
Hiermit in Mittheilung, dass er  
Caplan, den 11. März, 1899, ertheilt.  
Der Kaufmann WALTER  
T. V. RIELOFF.  
(Sig.)

**THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO.**  
LIMITED.

**THE Tenth ORDINARY ANNUAL**  
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in  
the Company will be held at the  
Company's Office, No. 9, PRINCE  
WILLIAM STREET, Victoria, on  
WEDNESDAY, the 22nd March, at 12 o'clock  
Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement  
of Accounts and the Report of the  
General Managers for the year ending 31st  
December, 1898, and electing a Consulting  
Committee and Auditor.

**THE TRANSFER BOOKS** of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 14th to 22nd inst.,  
both days inclusive.

**SHEWAN TOMES & CO.**  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 11th March, 1899. [713]

**THE PUNJON MINING COMPANY,**  
LIMITED.

**NOTICE** is hereby given that at a Meeting  
of the Board of Directors of the Company  
and at the Company's Office, No. 9, PRINCE  
WILLIAM STREET, Victoria, on TUESDAY,  
the 7th day of March, 1899, the following  
resolution was passed:  
That a Dividend of One Dollar per Share  
upon all the holders of Ordinary Shares in  
the above Company in respect of all the  
Shares held by them in the above Company  
be and the same is hereby made. Such  
Dividend to be paid to the holders of the  
Shares to be paid to the Company at their  
Bankers, the Hongkong and Shanghai  
Banking Corporation, at their premises,  
Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong,  
on or before the 17th day of April, 1899.

And Notice is also given that in accordance  
with Article 24 of the Company's Articles of  
Association, the same will be changed as from  
the 17th day of April, 1899, at the rate of \$10 per  
share per annum upon all Calls remaining  
unpaid after the 17th day of April, 1899, up  
to the actual date of payment of the same.

Shareholders are particularly requested to  
note that upon presentation at the Office of the  
Company of the Bankers' receipt for payment of  
the shares in respect of which the call has been paid  
an endorsement to that effect will be made upon  
the certificate.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
**JAMES B. DUNCAN,**  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1899. [714]

**THE HONGKONG HILL ASSOCIATION.**

**PEARSON CUP AND SPOONS.**

**A COMPETITION** for the above will be  
held TO-DAY (SATURDAY), 11th  
inst., at 3 p.m.

Prizes—250, 500, and 600 yards.  
Seven shots and one sighter.  
Conditions as usual.

**MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,**  
Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, 11th March, 1899. [715]

**PUBLIC AUCTION.**

**THE Underigned have received instructions**  
to Sell by  
**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
(For Account of the Government),  
TO-DAY  
(SATURDAY), the 11th March, 1899,  
at Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co.'s  
Godowns, at East Point,  
ex LIGHTERS.

About 1700 Tons  
of SMALL PORTLAND CEMENT,  
in good order and condition, now being landed  
at East Point from the "Kaituma".

Terms—As Usual.  
In lots to suit purchasers.  
**HUGHES & HOUGH,**  
Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, 11th March, 1899. [715]

**BY ORDER OF THE TRUSTEE IN**  
BANKRUPTCY.

**PUBLIC AUCTION.**

**MESSERS HUGHES & HOUGH** have  
received instructions from the Trustee  
in Bankruptcy to Sell by  
**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
on the Premises  
on  
SATURDAY, the 11th day of March, 1899,  
at 3 p.m.

ALL that very valuable LEASEHOLD  
PROPERTY situate at Victoria, Hongkong,  
and registered in the Land Office as INLAND  
LOT No. 757.

The property has a frontage to Kowloon  
Street of 35 feet and two houses being Nos. 2  
and 4, Kar On Street, are erected on a  
portion of the Lot.

The property is held for the residue of a term  
of 999 years at the Annual Crown Rent of  
\$30.30.

Further Particulars and Conditions of Sale  
may be obtained from  
**C. EVANS,**  
The Vendor's Solicitor,  
36, Queen's Road Central,  
Hongkong, 11th March, 1899. [716]

**CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,**  
LIMITED.

**FOR NINGPO.**  
The Company's Steamship

**"FOOCHOW."**  
Captain Smale, will be despatched as above on  
FRIDAY, the 17th inst., at 3 p.m.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 11th March, 1899. [720]

**CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,**  
LIMITED.

**FOR KOBE.**  
The Company's Steamship

**"TSINAN."**  
Captain Ramsay, will be despatched as above on  
TUESDAY, the 14th inst., at 3 p.m.  
The attention of Passengers is directed to  
the Superior Accommodation offered by the  
Steamer. First Class Saloon is situated forward  
of the Engines.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried and the  
Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.  
For Passage, apply to  
**BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 11th March, 1899. [721]

**NEW ADVERTISEMENTS**

**DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY**  
LIMITED.

**FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND**  
**TAIWANFOO.**

**THE Company's Steamship**  
"NANYANG."

Captain Lehmann, will be despatched for the  
above ports TO-DAY, the 11th inst., at 10 A.M.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**DOUGLAS LARPAK & CO.,**  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 11th March, 1899. [710]

**DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,**  
LIMITED.

**FOR AMOY AND TAMSUI.**  
The Company's Steamship

**"FORMOSA."**  
Captain Douglas, will be despatched for the  
above ports TO-DAY, the 11th inst., at Noon.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**DOUGLAS LARPAK & CO.,**  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 11th March, 1899. [711]

**DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,**  
LIMITED.

**FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND**  
**FOOCHOW.**

**THE Company's Steamship**  
"THALES."

Captain Hall, will be despatched for the above  
ports TO-MORROW, the 12th inst., at DAY-  
LIGHT.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**DOUGLAS LARPAK & CO.,**  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 11th March, 1899. [707]

**FOR SHANGHAI.**  
The Steamship

**"LOONGMOON."**  
Captain Scholt, will be despatched for the  
above port on TUESDAY, the 14th inst., at 4 p.m.  
This steamer has superior accommodation for  
First and Second Class Passengers.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**SIEMSEN & CO.,**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 11th March, 1899. [717]

**FOR NAGASAKI & WADIVOSTOCK.**  
The Steamship

**"DAPHNE."**  
Captain Th. Nissen, will be despatched for the  
above ports on TUESDAY, the 14th inst., at 4 p.m.  
This steamer has superior accommodation for  
First Class Passengers.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**SIEMSEN & CO.,**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 11th March, 1899. [718]

**CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,**  
LIMITED.

**FOR SHANGHAI.**  
The Company's Steamship

**"WHAMPOA."**  
Captain Baker, will be despatched as above on  
WEDNESDAY, the 15th inst., at 3 p.m.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 11th March, 1899. [719]

**"GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKETS**

**FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.**  
The Steamship

**"GLENCAIRY."**  
Captain Gentry, will be despatched as above on  
WEDNESDAY, the 15th inst., at Noon.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 11th March, 1899. [708]

**THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAM-**  
**SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**FOR MANILA DIRECT.**  
The Company's Steamship

**"ESMERALDA."**  
Captain Taylor, will be despatched for the above  
port on THURSDAY, the 16th inst., P.M.,  
instead of as previously advertised.  
This Steamer has superior accommodation  
for Passengers and is fitted with the Electric  
Light.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,**  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 11th March, 1899. [712]

**NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE**  
**ITALIANA.**  
(Florida and Dubatino United Companies.)

**STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG,**  
**AND BOMBAY.**

having connection with Company's Mail Steamers  
to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID,  
MESSINA, NAPLES, LIGORNO, and  
GENOA, also VENICE and TRIESTE  
all MEDITERRANEAN, ADRIATIC,  
LEVANTINE, and SOUTH AMERICAN  
CANAL PORTS up to CALLAO.

Taking Cargo at through rates to PERSIAN  
GULF and BAGDAD, also BARCELONA,  
VALENZA, ALICANTE, ALMERIA,  
and MALAGA.

**THE Steamship**  
"BYSAGNO."

Captain Mangano, will be despatched as above  
on TUESDAY, the 14th inst., at Noon.  
At Hongkong the Steamers are discharging in  
Victoria Dock.  
For further particulars regarding Freight  
and Passage, apply to  
**CARLOWITZ & CO.,**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 11th March, 1899. [6]

**AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM**  
**NAVIGATION COMPANY.**

**NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.**

**FROM KOBE.**  
The Steamship

**"TRIESTE"**  
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby  
informed that their Goods are being landed at  
their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong  
and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company,  
Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.  
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the Godowns, and all Claims  
must be sent in to the Underigned before  
Noon on the 17th March, or they will not be  
recognized.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any  
Goods remaining in the Godowns after the  
17th March, will be subject to rent.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
**SANDER, WILDER & CO.,**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 11th March, 1899. [6]

**NATIONAL ASSURANCE COMPANY**  
**OF IRELAND.**

**ESTABLISHED 1822.**

**CAPITAL** ..... £1,000,000  
**FUNDS (over)** ..... £500,000

The Underigned having been appointed  
Agents for the above Company are prepared to  
ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current  
Rates.

**REDECKER & CO.,**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 11th March, 1899. [6169]

**INTIMATIONS**

**THE STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO**

**ENDOWMENTS FOR CHILDREN.**  
Apply for rates by Annual or Single pay-  
ments to secure £100 payable on a child attain-  
ing a certain age, the premium being return-  
able in the event of death before the age is  
attained.  
No MEDICAL EXAMINATION REQUIRED.  
**DODWELL & CO., LIMITED.**  
Hongkong, 9th August, 1898. [3-1394]

**LECTURE.**

**MR. J. J. FRANCIS, Q.C.** has kindly  
consented to deliver an address on  
"The Strength and Weakness of England," in  
the ST. ANDREW'S HALL, on MONDAY, the  
13th of March, at 5.15 P.M.  
The Meeting is open to the Public and Ladies  
are invited.  
The Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD will take the  
chair.

**HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.**

**LAWN TENNIS TOURNAMENT.**

**MEMBERS** wishing to enter for the above  
will send Letters on which to enter their  
Names in the Hongkong Club and in the  
CRICKET PATRON.  
Entries will CLOSE on the 16th inst.  
Hongkong, 10th March, 1899. [639]

**FOR THE MAIL.**

**THE HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS** is  
now ready and contains—  
Leading Articles  
Foreign Merchants at the Outposts and  
in the Interior  
The Policy of "Drift"  
Italy's Concession to China  
The New Zealand Trade Returns  
Chinese as Soldiers  
The Sanitary Board and the Control of  
the Slaughterhouses  
Supremacy  
The War in the Philippines  
St. David's Ball  
Our National Weak Points  
Insurrection of Engineers and Shipbuilders  
of Hongkong  
Germany and the Persian Gulf  
In Philippine Waters  
The Desert of Gobi: Is it a Desert?  
Church Notes  
China and Manila Steamship Co., Limited.  
Hongkong Hotel Co., Limited.  
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Weaving Co., Limited.  
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Hongkong, 10th March, 1899.

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**ACTS**

**"MIRTH**  
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150 LAUGHS IN 150 MINUTES.  
CHARMING DANCES  
SPECIAL BURLESQUES!!  
ROBBERY FANTASIES!!  
And Congress of Novelties, Artistic, Refined  
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**AFTERNOON AT 3.**

**BOOK SEATS AT MESSRS. COTTAM & Co.**

**PRICES OF ADMISSION:**  
Private Box of 8 Chairs ..... \$12.00  
Single Seat in Private Box ..... 3.00  
Dress Circle ..... 2.00  
Chairs ..... 1.00  
Stalls ..... .50  
Pit (active only) ..... .40  
Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform Half Price to  
Dress Circle and Chairs only.  
Special Parts Reserved for Chinese women.  
Children, Half Price every SATURDAY  
AFTERNOON.

**W. FLUEGER,**  
Press Representative.  
Hongkong, 9th March, 1899. [657]

**BIJOU THEATRE.**

**RECLAMATION GROUND, PRATA WEST.**

**DAROS MARIONETTES.**

**TO-NIGHT**  
(SATURDAY), 11th March, 1899.

**POSITIVELY THE LAST NIGHT.**

Santiago by Night.  
The Bombardment of the Spanish Forts.  
The Sinking of the Merrimac.  
Lieut. Rossen's Escape.  
The Meeting of the Rival Squadrons.  
The Destruction of the Spanish Fleet off  
Santiago Harbour.

**GRAND FAREWELL OF THE TROUPE.**

**TO-NIGHT LAST NIGHT.**  
Hongkong, 11th March, 1899. [653]

**A SCOTCH CONCERT**  
will be given in the  
**THEATRE ROYAL,**  
on March 22nd, at 9 P.M.  
Under the Patronage of the  
**ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY**  
(Particulars later).

**SEATS** may be booked at the City Hall,  
from 12 A.M. to 4 P.M. daily, commencing on  
Monday, 13th March.

Admission to Dress Circle and Stalls ..... \$2  
Pit ..... 1  
Hongkong, 11th March, 1899. [188]

**BUCHANAN'S**

**HOUSE OF COMMONS WHISKY**

**AND**  
**BUCHANAN'S BLEND WHISKY.**

\$15.00 and \$13.00 per dozen.

**LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.** have been appointed SOLE AGENTS for  
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**FREE SAMPLES ON APPLICATION.**

**FLETCHER & CO.,**  
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**FLETCHER'S COMPOUND COUGH BALSAM.**  
This well-known preparation is specially recommended for its demulcent and expectorant qualities.

**SOLE AGENTS FOR TANSAN WATER.**

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**RYE WHISKY.**

Distilled and bottled by—  
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Age and Guarantee Guaranteed by the Excise Department of the  
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For case of one dozen bottles ..... \$17.00  
Has the largest sale of any RYE WHISKY in the World.

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SOLE AGENTS.

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Have been Shippers to CHINA for nearly 75 years. Their Brands are favorably known all  
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**A1 QUALITY COGNAC.**  
Distinguished by 4 STARS on the label.  
Price \$22.50 per 1 dozen bottles.

**VERY GOOD COGNAC.**  
Somewhat younger than the above.  
Distinguished by 2 STARS on the label.  
Price \$16.75 per 1 dozen bottles.

**"PALL MALL" WHISKY.**  
Eleven years old, very fine quality. Each  
bottle bears an analyst's certificate.  
The quality is guaranteed.  
Price \$20.00 per 1 dozen bottles.

**C. P. & CO'S OWN SPECIAL**  
**BLEND SCOTCH WHISKY.**  
In Patented Bottles.  
Price \$10.75 per 1 dozen bottles.

**CHAMPAGNE BRUT.**  
A Natural, i.e., a Brut, Sparkling Wine of  
the Vintage 1893, particularly suitable to the  
table. The price is but \$28.50 per case  
doz. quart bottles.

**AGENTS—SIEMSEN & Co., HONGKONG.**

**THE**  
**VICTORIA DISPENSARY.**

**DAKIN'S ANISED AND LICORICE COUGH BALSAM.**  
For the Relief of all CATARRHAL COMPLAINTS, such as COUGHS, COLDS,  
HOARSENESS, and SORENESS OF THE CHEST.  
PRICE 50 CENTS and \$1.

**CRICKSHANK'S COUGH BALSAM.**  
For COUGHS, COLDS, HOARSENESS, INFLUENZA, ASTHMA, CONSUMPTION, HOOPING COUGH,  
BRONCHITIS, and all Diseases of the CHEST and LUNGS.  
PRICE \$1 per Bottle.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1898.

**BORDEAUX WINES.**

**ST. GEORGES** ..... 1 doz. qt. 2 doz. pt.  
CRU. WYNERON ..... 3.25  
ST. ESTEPHE ..... 3.75  
ST. EMILION ..... 4.50 5.50  
ST. JULIEN MEDOC ..... 4.50 5.50  
CHATEAU MARGAUX ..... 6.00 7.00  
HAUT SAUTERNEZ, Dry White Wine ..... 5.00

**BURGUNDIES.**

**BEAUNE** ..... 1 doz. qt. 2 doz. pt.  
CHAMBERTIN ..... 12.00 13.00

**G. GIRAUT, 6, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.**

**CALIFORNIA WINES.**

**GUARANTEED PURE.**

**CALIFORNIA CLARET** ..... 1 doz. qt. 2 doz. pt.  
ZINFANDEL ..... 5.00 5.50  
CALIFORNIA HOCK ..... 6.00 7.00  
da. RIESLING ..... 6.00 7.00

**H. PRICE & Co.,**  
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS, 12, QUEEN'S ROAD.

**COTTAM & CO.**

**FOR**  
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**A First Class Hotel in every respect.**

Elegantly Furnished Reading, Music, and  
Smoking Rooms.

Dining Accommodation for 250 persons.

Hydraulic Elevators to every floor.

Cuisine of the best.

Hot and Cold Water throughout.

Wines and Groceries imported specially from  
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Machinery.

Bedroom Accommodation—132 rooms.

Fire Extinguishing Mains on every floor.

**CHARGES MODERATE.**

**PEAK HOTEL**  
AND  
**CRAIGIEBURN.**

**THE PEAK HOTEL** is situated at Victoria  
Cliff, adjoining the Tramway Terminus.  
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**CRAIGIEBURN** is situated at Plunkett's  
Gap, five minutes walk from Peak Hotel.  
Fine healthy location—variety of beautiful



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SPECTACLES

ONLY FOR A FEW DAYS MORE

AT

FLETCHER &amp; CO'S PHARMACY

(Opposite the HONGKONG HOTEL).

Hongkong, 11th March, 1899.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,  
LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

## WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

ALL our stocks of Wines and Spirits are selected by experienced buyers on the spot, and are imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all intermediate profits, and enabling us to supply the best goods at moderate prices.

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PORT after removal should be rested a month before use. When required for drinking at once it should be ordered to be decanted before being sent out.

SHERRY.—Excellent Dinner and After Dinner Wines of very superior Vintages. All are true XERES Wines.

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WHISKY.—All our WHISKY is of excellent quality and of greater age than most brands in the market. The SCOTCH WHISKY marked "E" is universally popular, and is pronounced by the best local connoisseurs to be superior to any other brand in the Hongkong market.

We guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine only when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorised Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED.  
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

NOW READY.

THE CHRONICLE AND DIRECTORY FOR CHINA, JAPAN, KOREA, INDU-CHINA, SIAM, STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, MALAY STATES, NETHERLANDS INDIA, PHILIPPINES, BORNEO, &c., &c.

THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL ISSUE.

At No. 47, Broadway, Shanghai, on the 10th March, 1899, Printed and sold by J. W. B.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, March 11th, 1899.

THE fact that the United States Senate has refused to sanction any permanent increase to the United States Army would seem to indicate that the policy of colonial expansion is not regarded with favour. In this telegram reprinted in yesterday's issue from the Manila Times we are told that the Army Bill as passed by the Senate provides that the army is only to be increased to 46,000, instead of 100,000, and even this increase is only for a short while; in July, 1901, the army is to be reduced to 27,000, the figure at which it stood before the war with Spain. The Bill as thus amended will have to be sent back to the House of Representatives, and possibly it may be some time before a final settlement is arrived at, but in the meantime the action of the Senate may be taken as indicative of a strong feeling in the country against a policy of foreign conquest. The pursuit of such a policy would necessitate the maintenance of a large standing army, whereas the Senate is of opinion that the military forces should within a brief period be again reduced to the small figure of 27,000. It would take an army of larger dimensions than that to permanently hold the Philippines, and it would appear, therefore, that the Senate does not favour the forcible imposition of American rule on the inhabitants of these islands.

One of the reasons urged in favour of the United States subjugating the Philippines and establishing American sovereignty is that if the islands were left under native administration they would fall a prey to some grasping European Power. Seeing how hard a task the United States are finding the conquest the danger of any other Power attempting to take the islands must now be considered more remote than it was. The Americans have a large army in the field, but neither at Manila nor at Iloilo do they find it prudent to advance far beyond the range of the guns of the men-of-war, and although the Philippines have practically no artillery and their

supply of rifles is limited. The native army as it exists to-day, although labouring under disadvantages as regards the obtaining of supplies and opportunities of scientific training, is in fact a possibly efficient fighting machine, and if the free import of warlike material were permitted it would not be long before it ranked with the army of Japan in point of quality, though probably not of numbers, for Japan has a population three or four times as great as the Philippines. It would also not be long before a navy was brought into existence. No foreign Power would find the conquest of the islands a very easy task, therefore, even if the forces of the United States were withdrawn altogether. The Philippines, however, are, it is understood, ready to accept an American protectorate, and if foreign aggression is the principal thing to be guarded against that could very well be done by means of the fleet, since any attacking force would necessarily have to approach by sea.

As to the capacity of the Philippines for self-government, the experience gained during the past twelve months is reassuring. General WHEELER, who went to Manila with General MERRITT and served there as Collector until the end of October, in a recent newspaper interview said:—"There is a wide ignorance of the worth of the Philippines and the character of the Filipinos. The natives are not ignorant; they are not savages. They are adept at manufactures and as accountants, mechanics, and railroad operators. They are quiet, most temperate, and have shown great ability in their military affairs." The General might have added that they have also shown great ability in their civil affairs, for during the critical period through which the country has been passing there has never been any approach to anarchy, the Spaniards who have been taken prisoner have been treated with humanity, and the conduct of the native administration generally has been such as to earn the respect of the foreign residents in the country. There is no reason to anticipate that the Filipinos if granted autonomy would prove themselves as capable of self-government as the South American Republics, and perhaps even more capable than most of them. Their subjugation by the United States is certainly not called for on any grounds of humanity, and as to commercial considerations the probability is that the natives would work for the development of their country as energetically and as intelligently as the Japanese have done for the development of Japan. If the world is not prepared to take the native Government altogether on trust, however, the establishment of an American protectorate would afford an ample guarantee against any possible excesses. From the point of view of international politics, the establishment of a second Japan in the Far East is not an undesirable thing, for it would help to maintain the balance of power and to check the policy of selfish aggrandisement favoured by some of the Powers.

In an article in the *China Mail* on the compulsory carrying of lights by private boats it is suggested that "in the enforcement of the rules we may well leave the 'police' a certain amount of discretion." That is rather a dangerous policy to recommend. If the law is to be enforced at all it should be enforced consistently and impartially. The value of police discretion in such matters may be gauged from their action with regard to the Chinese light and pass law, now happily repealed. Every one now and then a mild would be made on persons found out after hours without a light; thereafter the law would be fairly well observed for a time, but gradually slackness would again creep in and increase in proportion as immunity from arrest was enjoyed, until it became the exception rather than the rule. For lights to be carried, and then the police would make another descent and arrest scores of perfectly honest and respectable people, a considerable proportion of whom, in default of the payment of fines, would have to spend a few days in the gaol. The administration of that law was a scandal upon British justice and on more than one occasion called for the active interference of the head of the executive. If H.E. the Governor could spare the time to look over the records in connection with this subject to be found in the Colonial Secretary's Office he would be able to draw his own deductions as to "how not to do it." If the law is to be determined by the discretion of the police no one will ever know from day to day what is required of him. Changes in the administration of the Force are not infrequent, owing to leave of absence, promotion, and so forth, and the discretion of each Captain Superintendent will probably vary from that of his predecessor.

There does not as yet seem to be any very strong popular opposition to the new law, because looked at in advance the carrying of a light seems but a small matter to make a fuss about, but when the fines begin to be imposed and people are being continually hauled up to the Police Court because their boats have forgotten the lamp, or neglected to trim it, discontent will begin to manifest itself and suspicions of favoritism to arise, for in the nature of things the law will necessarily be frequently infringed by high officials and their wives as well as others, and it is not to be supposed that the former will be summarised.

If the law is to be enforced, however, as has been decreed, it might make matters run more smoothly if some standard lamp were officially recognised and recommended for adoption. The most useful class of lights for the purpose intended—in so far as the purpose can be said to carry with it any element of utility—are the lights carried by the public boats. Some persons, however, may be inclined to think that if they have to carry lights they had better carry good ones, and may adopt lamps varying in brilliancy with the electric search light. Lights of that description would be a danger as well as a nuisance, for

deceiving the eyes of persons meeting them, they would cause confusion as to the surrounding traffic. When the Steam Launch Company was running a ferry service to Kowloon and being frequently involved in collisions with sampans at night's sailing, it was made that the launches should carry lights at the bows similar to those carried by the steam cars to light the track. The Harbour Master, however, promptly vetoed that idea, on the ground that lamps of that description would constitute a danger to the traffic in the harbour. The same principle applies, though perhaps not quite so forcibly, to the land traffic. If not an actual danger, lights of extraordinary brilliancy would be at least unpleasant for the general public.

From the advertisement in another column it will be seen that a call of \$1 per share has been made by the Panjo Mining Co., Limited.

Sergeant Scott has been appointed Acting Inspector, the appointment to date from March 4th, when Inspector Baker commenced his leave.

Sons of Admiral Jervis, formerly of the Chinese Navy, and of Mr. Polham Warren, British Consul at Hankow, have lately joined the I. M. Customs.—N. C. Daily News.

The *Franklin* Echo understands that Prince Henry of Prussia, who was expected at Poochoo on the 9th inst., has through unforeseen circumstances been obliged to postpone his visit.

Baron von Heyking, German Minister to Peking, is going home on six months' leave of absence. He intends to leave this month and will probably resume duty early in September.

This afternoon on the Happy Valley, in the third round for the Hongkong Football Challenge Shield, G. Company R.W.F. will play 35th Company, S.D.R. A Kick-off at half-past four. Referee.—Mr. H. W. Lockyer.

Princess and Princess Henry of Prussia are expected to arrive at Wooming on the 12th inst. and to remain in the colony for a few days. They will be accompanied by the *Der Ostasiatische Lloyd* states, on the 16th for Kienchow. During their short stay in Shanghai they will make their residence at the German Consulate-General.

Mr. Lazarus intimates in an advertisement in another column that he will be available for consultation only a few days more in Hongkong. Mr. Lazarus was specially appointed to the office of the Extraordinary Consul, when his Lordship was Viceroy of India, and he holds high testimonials from many other distinguished persons.

The accounts of the Taku Tug and Lighter Co., Limited, for 1898 show a net amount of \$81,094 available for distribution. The Directors propose to pay a dividend of 6 per cent. on the paid-up capital of \$1,000,000, besides which a bonus of 10 per cent. from the profit on the *Stellan* has been paid.

From the minutes of the day for the meeting of the Legislative Council on Monday it will be seen that the Hon. E. R. Dillies intends to put certain questions with regard to the subject. Before committing itself on this subject the Council will wait till the Government has taken steps to ascertain what the wishes of the public are.

The announcement in yesterday's issue that the performance of D'Arcy's Marionettes this evening would be under the patronage of Lieut. Hobson appears to have been based on the simple fact that the officer named had been in the ordinary course of duty. He had not given his patronage in any other sense than that in which all who attend the performance give their patronage.

A very handsome vial in oxidised silver, for the *Ulla* memorial has arrived in Shanghai. This was dedicated, states *Der Ostasiatische Lloyd*, as a token of respect for the gallant men of the *Ulla* from the Russian Navy, and a long silver bow is attached to it with the following inscription: "The Pacific Squadron to the brave commander who perished with us in the sea on the 12th of June 1898, and whose name we shall carry with us to the end of time." This splendid gift, inscribed with the name of the German Consul-General and it is proposed to hang it up in the German Church which is to be erected in Shanghai, as it cannot be fixed in the monument itself.

Old residents in Shanghai, says the *N. C. Daily News*, will have received with regret the notice of the death of Mr. Piero Piri, a Frenchman by birth. Mr. Piri was the father of the Imperial Maritime Customs, which is entered about 1854, only retiring within the last two years. When he was in the office of the Customs he was taken to the Palace as a curiosity, and as such was sent by the King in a cage to Peking as a tribute. The Court is said to have known nothing of his death until he was found in the hands of the German Consul-General, and it is proposed to hang it up in the German Church which is to be erected in Shanghai, as it cannot be fixed in the monument itself.

Referring to reports as to strained relations between the United States and German authorities over the Philippines and the alleged traffic in opium, which are said to have been in the hands of the British Consul at Hankow, Mr. Piri says:—"We do not think there is very much to be made of this. It is not from the Germans that Aguinaldo is getting his supplies, which, as we have seen, are being sent to him by the British Consul at Hankow. It is well known that Shanghai itself has been a few days long in an insurrection of this kind, while Hongkong, with all its brotherly love, has remained quiet. It is not from the Germans that Aguinaldo is getting his supplies, which, as we have seen, are being sent to him by the British Consul at Hankow. It is well known that Shanghai itself has been a few days long in an insurrection of this kind, while Hongkong, with all its brotherly love, has remained quiet. 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